

# MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

18 December 2023

Week 51

## MARKET SITUATION

**Europe:** The end of Christmas trading this week ushered in the normal seasonal slowdown in the European market. Legs and other cuts are being traded at unchanged or slightly falling prices.

**UK:** Sales are good.

**China:** Very quiet trading continues. **Japan and other Asian markets:** subdued demand.

## Slaughtering in Denmark

Weekly slaughtering figures for pigs and sows as reported to the Danish Classification Control Service. The figures exclude culled pigs.

	Week 47	Week 48	Week 49	Weeks 1-49 2023:22
Carcass weight >110 kg	12,299	11,554	11,246	-31.3%
Carcass weight <110 kg	294,508	285,741	291,906	-18.2%
Total	306,807	297,295	303,152	-18.8%



USA

## Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	15/12	8/12	Change	15/12	8/12	Change
Dec 2023		68.43		84.71	82.35	2.36
Feb 2024	71.90	68.98	2.92	81.73	82.70	-0.97
Apr 2024	78.63	76.15	2.48	83.90	84.45	-0.55
May 2024	84.70	83.30	1.40	90.50	91.70	-1.20
June 2024	93.20	91.43	1.77	97.08	98.03	-0.95
July 2024	94.58	93.68	0.90	99.50	100.10	-0.60
Aug 2024	94.88	94.58	0.30	99.75	99.73	0.02
Oct 2024	81.93	82.08	-0.15	91.55	91.53	0.02
Dec 2024	74.75	74.93	-0.18	87.68	87.65	0.03
Feb 2025	78.15	78.15	0.00	90.50	90.48	0.02
Apr 2025	81.65	81.50	0.15	96.35	96.33	0.02

Conversion factors:

1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK

6.8290

 **CHINA**
**Futures**

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	20/11	27/11	4/12	11/12	18/12	Change 11/12- 18/12
January 2024	15.90	15.55	13.91	14.13	14.80	0.67
March 2024	15.09	14.59	13.52	14.22	14.42	0.20
May 2024	15.60	15.18	14.60	15.25	15.36	0.11
July 2024	16.47	16.21	15.72	16.23	16.33	0.10
September 2024	17.58	17.31	16.94	17.29	17.33	0.04
November 2024			17.30	17.39	17.33	-0.06

Conversion factors:  
1 Y = DKK  
0.9582; 1 Y =  
EUR 0.13

 **EU**
**African Swine Fever**

According to the EU Commission's reporting system for the outbreak of disease, outbreaks of ASF have been reported for the following countries, plus Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo and North Macedonia.

Countries	Period 3 Dec-8 Dec		Year to date 1 Jan - 8 Dec		2022		2021	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia			2	49		57	1	67
Latvia		19	8	690	6	913	2	338
Lithuania		15	3	400	16	302		238
Poland		51	30	2,617	14	2,152	124	3,023
Italy		39	17	942	4	277	1	14
Ukraine	1		35	7	7	2	13	3
Czech Republic				55		1		
Romania	10	9	733	275	329	465	1,648	1,019
Hungary		10		395		550		2,568
Bulgaria		17	3	276	2	387	6	318
Slovakia		12		535	5	550	11	1,622
Serbia			977	204	107	146	33	71
Moldova			19	6	14	3	1	
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1,486	16				
Croatia	1		1,124	10				
North Macedonia	2	1	15	36	30	9		
Kosovo			9	4				
Belgium								
Germany		13	1	885	3	1,628	4	2,431
Sweden				60				
Greece			6	2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>4,468</b>	<b>7,464</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>11,712</b>

 **GERMANY**
**Preliminary figures for two German states show a more stable pig population in Germany**

November's preliminary figures for the pig populations in the two states of North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg show a more stable pig population in Germany, reports ISN in Germany.

In the large pig producing state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the preliminary figures show a total pig population of 5.84 million pigs, which is a rise of 0.9 per cent compared to one year ago. At 334,600 head, the breeding sow population is 1.6 per cent higher than one year ago.

In the southern state of Baden-Württemberg, the pig population amounts to 1.26 million, which is 3.8 per cent lower than one year ago. Totalling 101,500 head, the breeding sow population has decreased by 1.3 per cent compared to last year.

 **CHINA**
**New Hope Liuhe sells shares for 4.2 billion yuan**

China's third largest pig producer, New Hope Liuhe, announced on Friday that it will sell shares for a total of 4.2 billion yuan in two of New Hope's companies.

New Hope Liuhe will sell 51 per cent of the poultry company, Shandong Zhongxin Food, to the state-owned China Animal Husbandry Group. The price of the shares is stated at 2.7 billion yuan cash.

In addition, New Hope Liuhe is selling a 67 per cent share in the processing company, Beijing Food Processing. The buyer is Heinan Shengchen Investment Co, a company owned by New Hope Investment Group, which is an investment company founded by New Hope Group and the parent company of New Hope Liuhe. The Sales price for the shares is stated as 1.5 billion yuan.

"The sale will ensure the company's competitiveness and sustainable development" the company said in a statement.

New Hope Liuhe announced losses of 3.88 billion yuan for the first three quarters of 2023. The loss is a result of Chinese pig prices being significantly below the production costs of pig production for most of the year. And judging by futures prices, the economic woes of Chinese pig producers look set to continue in 2024.

 **PHILIPPINES**
**Period of reduced import duties for pig meat extended**

International news media report that the Philippines is to extend the period of temporary reduced import duties for a number of food products – including pig meat – for the whole of 2024.

 **NEW ZEALAND**
**NZPork believes that imported pig meat has an unfair competitive advantage**

The trade organisation, NZPork, believes that imported pig meat to New Zealand enjoys an unfair competitive advantage over locally produced pig meat. NzPork is demanding that the same requirements should apply to imported pig meat as apply to pig producers in New Zealand.

As an example, NZPork's Director, Brent Kleiss, points out that sow stalls are banned in New Zealand, while in most European countries and Canada, stalls can be used for the first four weeks of the gestation period. In the U.S., they can be used throughout the gestation period.

In addition, Kleiss points out that in New Zealand, piglets are not castrated. In Europe, Canada and U.S., however, piglets are castrated as a matter of routine.

In the first 10 months of the year, New Zealand imported more than 40,000 tonnes of pig meat from 22 countries. Imports from the U.S. peaked at 7,336 tonnes, followed by Canada with 6,238 tonnes. There has been a significant decline in imports of pig meat from the EU this year.



EU

### Pig meat exports are down by 19 per cent for Jan-Sept 2023

With the EU Commission as the source, the tables below show EU pig meat exports by category, importers and exporters for January-September 2023 compared to the same period in 2022.

Exports are stated in product weight, with the UK as a third market country outside the EU.

#### By category

Tonnes	Jan-Sept 2023	Jan-Sept 2022	% change 23:22
Live pigs	42,833	41,143	4
Fresh/frozen	1,490,984	2,082,802	-28
Bacon	168,270	172,865	-3
Processed	325,878	356,108	-8
By-products	1,005,548	1,101,534	-9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,033,513</b>	<b>3,754,452</b>	<b>-19</b>

#### Importers of pig meat from EU

Tonnes	Jan-Sept 2023	Jan-Sept 2022	% change 23:22
China	857,817	1,042,824	-18
UK	644,608	541,688	19
Japan	245,233	308,618	-21
Philippines	212,486	347,831	-39
South Korea	158,221	224,961	-30
Vietnam	86,756	68,308	27
USA	66,035	99,125	-33
Australia	58,656	103,061	-43
Ivory Coast	58,648	74,517	-21
Serbia	49,473	56,963	-13
Hong Kong	48,491	56,818	-15
Others	547,088	829,738	-34
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>3,033,512</b>	<b>3,754,452</b>	<b>-19</b>

#### Exporters of pig meat from EU

Tonnes	Jan-Sept 2023	Jan-Sept 2022	% change 23:22
Spain	945,877	1,173,677	-19
Holland	519,221	626,548	-17
Denmark	450,415	635,690	-29
Germany	245,084	302,706	-19
France	192,827	223,625	-14
Poland	176,204	221,206	-20
Ireland	158,157	185,903	-15
Belgium	95,374	93,510	2
Italy	71,309	72,748	-2
Austria	37,972	44,486	-15
Others	141,072	174,353	-19
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>3,033,512</b>	<b>3,754,452</b>	<b>-19</b>



DENMARK

## Denmark's pig meat exports January-September

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Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	11,269	143,733	6,994	123	50,203	73,563	4,537	290,422	23.0
Poland	1,455	166,761	13	1	0	99,378	46	267,654	21.2
Italy	1,288	18,103	308	237	539	67,930	288	88,691	7.0
Holland	4,424	9,586	335	10	0	7,104	1,008	22,468	1.8
Sweden	7,000	84	1,314	1,338	10	7,282	3,358	20,387	1.6
Spain	363	9,747	876	47	0	5,015	1,644	17,692	1.4
France	1,110	467	708	208	0	11,874	573	14,941	1.2
Romania	223	952	141	0	0	8,395	2	9,713	0.8
Rest of EU	8,739	10,952	2,652	523	763	43,959	2,716	70,304	5.6
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>35,871</b>	<b>360,385</b>	<b>13,342</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>51,516</b>	<b>324,499</b>	<b>14,171</b>	<b>802,272</b>	<b>63.6</b>
China	100,517	93	247	70	0	59,328	297	160,551	12.7
UK	2,206	37	7,662	40,331	3,101	50,039	8,026	111,404	8.8
Japan	1,375	3	3,291	0	0	50,213	892	55,773	4.4
Australia	395	0	328	1	0	24,129	25	24,879	2.0
USA	3,146	0	4,197	48	0	14,757	894	23,042	1.8
Philippines	9,619	2	522	0	0	8,783	20	18,946	1.5
Malaysia	766	0	305	0	28	10,049	0	11,147	0.9
South Korea	238	43	1,130	0	0	9,167	238	10,817	0.9
Taiwan	794	9	38	0	0	6,327	61	7,229	0.6
Other 3rd countries	6,068	2,311	5,955	1,017	8	16,399	3,918	35,676	2.8
<b>3rd countries, total</b>	<b>125,125</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>23,675</b>	<b>41,468</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>249,190</b>	<b>14,371</b>	<b>459,465</b>	<b>36.4</b>
<b>Exports, total</b>	<b>160,996</b>	<b>362,883</b>	<b>37,017</b>	<b>43,955</b>	<b>54,653</b>	<b>573,690</b>	<b>28,543</b>	<b>1,261,737</b>	<b>100</b>

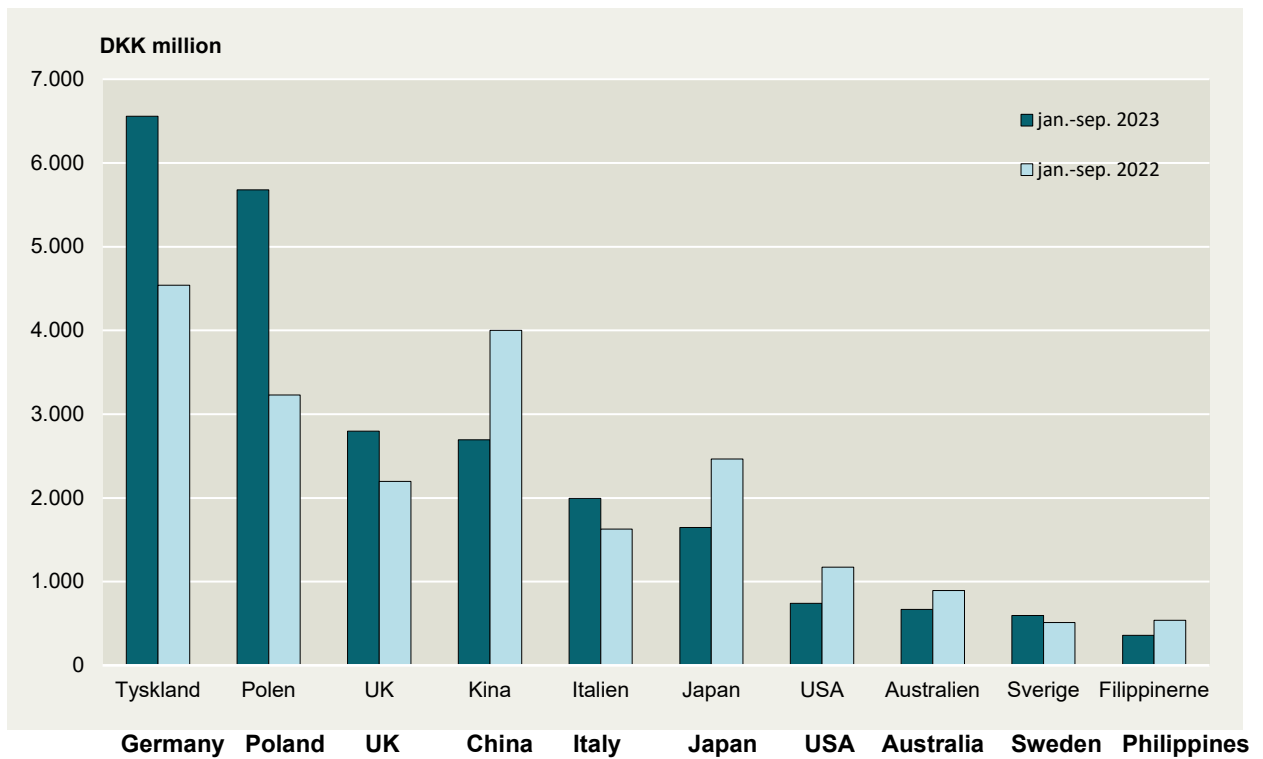
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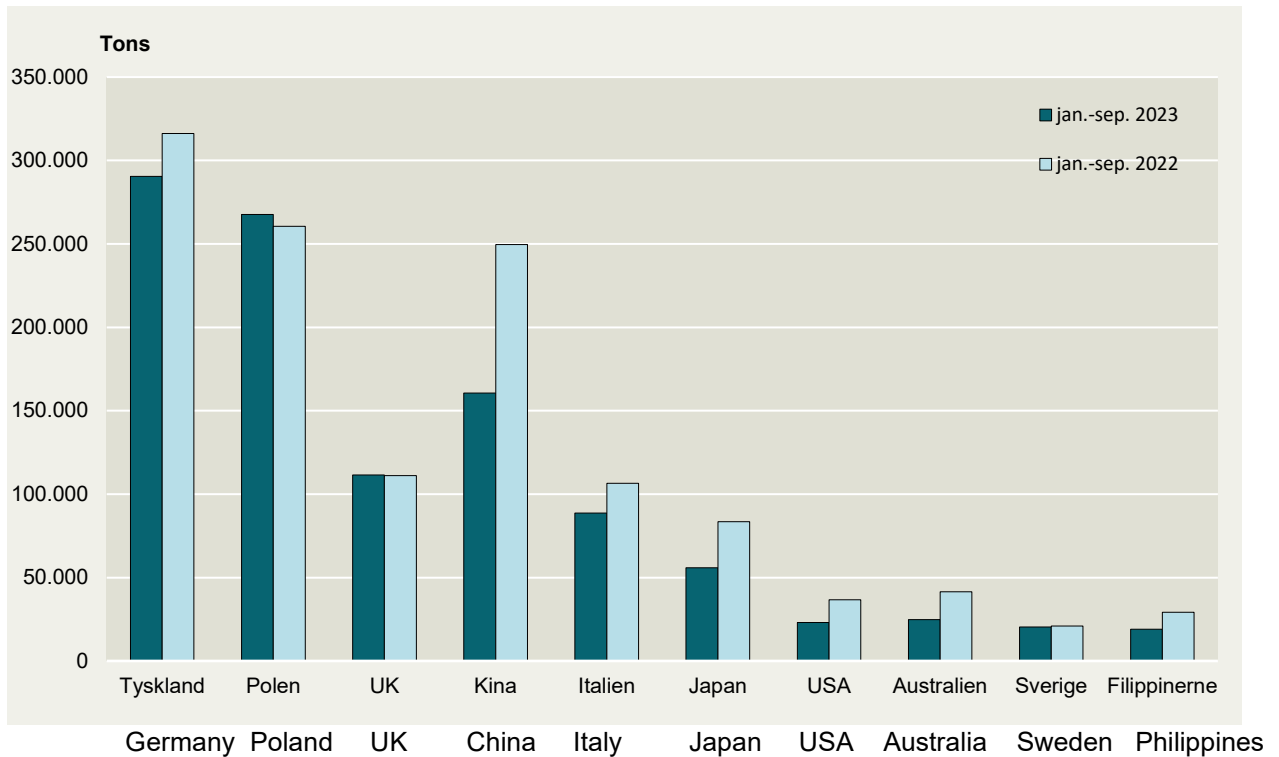
Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	8,889	134,438	6,877	118	57,971	103,558	4,412	316,263	21.6
Poland	742	146,787	33	2	113	112,877	69	260,623	17.8
Italy	1,275	15,610	357	61	471	88,456	272	106,502	7.3
Sweden	6,819	107	1,477	1,058	8	8,229	3,289	20,987	1.4
Holland	6,413	7,804	220	21	0	5,345	944	20,747	1.4
Spain	326	8,753	934	70	0	4,435	1,409	15,926	1.1
France	1,760	497	829	274	0	10,590	581	14,530	1.0
Croatia	85	6,154	61	0	2,060	1,879	0	10,240	0.7
Rest of EU	7,300	11,747	2,570	596	273	32,971	2,830	58,288	4.0
<b>Total EU</b>	<b>33,608</b>	<b>331,897</b>	<b>13,359</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>60,896</b>	<b>368,340</b>	<b>13,805</b>	<b>824,105</b>	<b>56.2</b>
China	119,821	0	405	0	0	129,280	144	249,649	17.0
UK	3,590	36	8,060	43,076	628	47,882	7,916	111,190	7.6
Japan	635	3	2,503	0	0	79,287	1,073	83,500	5.7
Australia	125	0	439	0	0	40,819	10	41,393	2.8
USA	2,936	0	5,282	45	0	27,545	813	36,621	2.5
Philippines	9,614	81	2,671	0	27	16,731	0	29,124	2.0
South Korea	1,238	25	1,038	0	0	14,388	146	16,835	1.1
Ukraine	903	76	577	0	217	13,778	11	15,563	1.1
Taiwan	189	3	74	0	0	10,296	47	10,609	0.7
Other 3rd countries	11,882	1,931	7,377	1,284	8	20,748	3,801	47,032	3.2
<b>3rd countries, total</b>	<b>150,933</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>28,426</b>	<b>44,406</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>400,753</b>	<b>13,961</b>	<b>641,516</b>	<b>43.8</b>

Exports, total	184,541	334,053	41,785	46,605	61,777	769,094	27,766	1,465,621	100
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#### Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat by value

Country	Jan - Sept 2023		Jan - Sept 2022	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
Germany	6,559	290,422	4,540	316,263
Poland	5,679	267,654	3,228	260,623
UK	2,796	111,404	2,197	111,190
China	2,692	160,551	4,000	249,649
Italy	1,996	88,691	1,627	106,502
Japan	1,648	55,773	2,463	83,500
USA	740	23,042	1,171	36,621
Australia	670	24,879	893	41,393
Sweden	595	20,387	512	20,987
Philippines	360	18,946	538	29,124
<b>Top 10 total</b>	<b>23,735</b>	<b>1,061,749</b>	<b>21,169</b>	<b>1,255,852</b>
Other countries	5,174	200,988	4,238	209,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,909</b>	<b>1,262,737</b>	<b>25,407</b>	<b>1,465,621</b>





## BRAZIL

### **Pig slaughtering increased in Q3 2023 by 0.5 per cent compared to last year**

Figures from the Brazilian authorities show that 14.62 million pigs were slaughtered in Q3 2023 – a fall of 0.5 per cent compared to the same quarter last year and a rise of 2.5 per cent compared to Q2 2023.

This is the first time in many years that there has been a decline in Brazilian slaughtering, which has been constantly increasing since 2014.

As regards slaughtering in individual states, Santa Catarina tops the list with 29.9 per cent followed by Parana and Rio Grande do Sul with 21.4 per cent and 16.7 per cent respectively,

**The next Market News will be published on either 28th or 29th December.**

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